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SOURCE:

- On 24 November 1952 the Hanyang (N 30-31, E 114-41) Arsenal¹ had about 15,000 workers. K'ai-te-ssu-chi (0418/1795/1133/2448/1015), Soviet ordnance expert, was head of the technical section. German, Japanese, Soviet, and Czechoslovakian technicians were employed by the arsenal. The plant was producing 75-mm. shells. During the months of June, July, and August 100,000 shells were produced. The production of machine guns had been increased by 42 percent over the production for the first six months of the year. The plant was planning production of 81-mm. mortars, 4.2-inch howitzers, and field pieces. New workshops had been erected in Wuchang and production was speeded up to meet the heavy demand. All arms produced were consigned to the Combined Supply Section of the Central and South China Military Area Command.
- In late December 1952, the Chinese Communists were planning to start the construction of a large sulphuric acid factory at Lanchow (N 36-03, E 103-41) in the autumn of 1953. The factory was to be completed by October 1954. In December the Chinese Communists were recruiting engineers for this project.
- On 15 September the Yuehyang (N 29-28, E 113-12) Water Front Boat Control Office received instructions from the hsien public security bureau to commandeer 30 boats. The boatmen were ordered to transport 500 cases of large machines and parts from Hankow by way of Yuehyang to Chingshih (N 29-38, E 111-47) for installations in a vegetable oil refinery.

1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] from the same source, in October 1951 the Hanyang Arsenal was reequipped under the supervision of K'ai-te-ssu-chi and three German engineers.

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